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SUBJ: TOKYO-PEKING EXCHANGE FELICITOUS REMARKS

1. ASAHI SHIMBUN DEC 6 REPORTED THAT NEXT JAPANESE PM TAKEO MIKI AND ALLY TAKEO FUKUDA ASKED DAISAKU IKEDA, HEAD OF SOKAGAKKAI (BUDDHIST REFORMIST) CURRENTLY VISITING PEKING, TO TELL PEKINGS' LEADERS THAT NEW GOVT WOULD CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR ENHANCEMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS DURING 20-MINUTE MEETING WITH IKEDA IN HOSPITAL, PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI REPORTEDLY SENT RECIPROCAL GREETINGS TO MIKI AND EXPRESSED HOPE FOR EARLY CONCLUSION OF PEACE-FRIENDSHIP TREATY. TENG RESPONDED SIMILARLY TO MESSAGES FROM MIKI AND FUKUDA. IN ONLY NON-NEGATIVE COMMENT ON FUKUDA BY CURRENT PRC LEADERS OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE, TENG APPARENTLY REMARKED THAT CHINA AWAITED HOPEFULLY FUKUDA'S FUTURE ACTIONS.

2. REGARDING PEACE-FRIENDSHIP TREATY, ASAHI REPORTED THAT
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TENG SAID TAIWAN WAS MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM BUT ADDED

THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY IF BOTH COUNTRIES
ACT IN LINE WITH PRINCIPLES AND SPIRIT OF 1972 JOINT
COMMUNIQUE.

3. FONOFF CHINA DIV (DEP DIRECTOR OGURA) WAS INTRIGUED
BY TENG'S PUBLIC MENTION OF TAIWAN IN CONNECTION WITH
PEACE-FRIENDSHIP TREATY. OGURA COMMENTED TO US THAT
PHRASEOLOGY WAS IN LINE WITH OTHER PRC COMMENTARY ON
ISSUE AND HOPED PUBLIC MENTION OF TAIWAN DID NOT INDI-
CATE HARDENING OF PEKING'S POSITION.

4. COMMENT: RAPIDITY OF REASSURANCES INITIATED BY
TOKYO (EVEN BEFORE GOVT FORMED) SHOWS DEGREE TO WHICH
JAPANESE UNDERSTAND PEKING'S NERVOUSNESS OVER IMPACT OF
NEW GOVT ON SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY PROS-
PECT OF STRONG POSITION FOR FUKUDA. TENG'S REPORTED
REPLY, THOUGH DIPLOMATIC IN TONE, HAS A CLEAR "SHOW ME"
MESSAGE FOR JAPAN'S NEW LEADERS.
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